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**Brian Andris, h/w**



**AUDREY ZIADAT and**  
**BRIAN ANDRIS, h/w**  
**203 THROEAU COURT**  
**LANDENBERG, PA 19350-9512**

**: PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**  
**: COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**  
**: CIVIL DIVISION**

**Vs.**  
**TOYS R US**  
**2703 SOUTH 3<sup>rd</sup> STREET**  
**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19148-4700**

**: TERM, 2014**  
**: MAJOR NON JURY**  
**: NO.**

#### **NOTICE TO DEFEND**

You have been sued in Court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by an attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claimed in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas demandas expuestas en las paginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) dias de plazo al partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notificacion. Hace falta asentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o con un abogado y entregar a la corte en forma escrita sus defensas o sus objeciones a las demandas en contra de su persona. Se avisa que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomara medidas y puede continuar la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificacion. Ademas, la corte puede decidir a favor del demandante y requiere que usted cumpla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder.

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COMPLAINT IN CIVIL ACTION

AND NOW, comes the plaintiffs, Audrey Ziadat and Brian Andris, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby file the foregoing complaint in civil action, and, in support thereof, aver as follows:

1. Plaintiff Audrey Ziadat is an adult individual residing at 203 Throreau Court, Landenberg, PA 19350-9512.
2. Plaintiff Brian Andris is an adult individual and husband of plaintiff Audrey Ziadat residing at 203 Throreau Court, Landenberg, PA 19350-9512.
3. Defendant Toys R Us is a corporation authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and regularly conducts business in the City and County of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with a place of business located at the above address.
4. On or about June 17, 2012, plaintiff Audrey Ziadat was a customer and business invitee lawfully shopping in the aisle of a Toys R Us store located at 10 Geoffrey Drive, Newark, DE 19702, when suddenly and without warning a Fire Extinguisher hanging on a pole in the

middle of an aisle fell on plaintiff Audrey Ziadat's right foot causing her to sustain the injuries and damages hereinafter set forth at length.

### COUNT I

#### AUDREY ZIADAT v TOYS R US

5. Plaintiff Audrey Ziadat incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 4 of her complaint as if fully set forth herein at length.

6. The accident was caused solely by the carelessness and negligence of defendant Toys R Us, its agents, servants and/or employee acting as aforesaid and consisting inter alia of the following:

- (a) Failing to adequately and properly secure the fire extinguisher that was hanging on the pole;
- (b) Failing to have the proper secured locking device for the fire extinguisher as the fire extinguisher was hanging on the pole;
- (c) Failing to inspect the fire extinguisher to make sure that the fire extinguisher was secured;
- (d) Failing to maintain and inspect the securement of the fire extinguisher;
- (e) Failing to prevent the fire extinguisher from falling to the floor;
- (f) Allowing the above described conditions to exist for an unreasonable period of time and/or in the alternative, actually causing the condition to exist;
- (g) Failing to repair the above described conditions;
- (h) Failing to provide plaintiff Audrey Ziadat with warnings of the aforesaid conditions;
- (i) Failing to replace the device that allegedly secured the fire extinguisher which was in a defective condition and which was not properly designed to prevent the fire extinguisher from falling onto plaintiff Audrey Ziadat's right foot; and

(j) Failing to make reasonable and regular inspections to make sure the fire extinguisher was secure and failing to observe the dangerous condition that was hazardous to customers/business invitees;

7. Solely as a result of the negligence and carelessness of defendant Toys R Us, plaintiff Audrey Ziadat has suffered injuries which are serious and permanent in nature, including a laceration to her right foot requiring stitches, ankle avulsion, right foot numbness, hypersensitivity, heel pain, tingling and residual nerve injury affecting superficial peroneal as well as other injuries which may be diagnosed by plaintiff Audrey Ziadat's health care providers, all of which injuries have in the past and may in the future cause plaintiff Audrey Ziadat great pain and suffering and will cause in the future serious impairment of bodily function.

8. As a further result of the negligence and carelessness of defendant Toys R Us, plaintiff Audrey Ziadat has been or will be required to receive and undergo medical attention and to expend various sums of money and to incur various expenses and she may be required to continue to expend such sums or incur such expenditures for an indefinite time in the future.

9. As a result of the negligence and carelessness of defendants Toys R Us, plaintiff Audrey Ziadat has a medically determinable physical impairment which prevents plaintiff Audrey Ziadat from adequately performing all or substantially all of the material acts and duties which constitute plaintiff Audrey Ziadat's usual and customary activities prior to the accident.

10. As a further result of the negligence and carelessness of defendants Toys R Us, plaintiff Audrey Ziadat has or may hereinafter incur other financial expenses which do or may exceed amounts that plaintiff Audrey Ziadat may otherwise be entitled to recover including payment for medical bills.

11. As a direct result of the negligence and carelessness of defendants Toys R Us, its agents, servants, employees and/or contractors, plaintiff Audrey Ziadat has or may hereinafter

suffer severe physical pain, mental anguish, humiliation and embarrassment and she may continue to suffer same for an indefinite time in the future.

12. As a direct result of the negligence and carelessness of defendants Toys R Us, plaintiff Audrey Ziadat has and may suffer a severe loss of earnings and/or impairment of her earning capacity and power.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Audrey Ziadat demands judgment against defendant Toys R Us for a sum in excess of \$50,000.00 plus interest and costs.

**COUNT II**  
**AUDREY ZIADAT v TOYS R US**  
**RES IPSA LOQUITUR**

13. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 12 of their complaint as if fully set forth herein at length.

14. The fire extinguisher falling from the pole as described above is an event which ordinarily does not occur in the absence of negligence.

15. Plaintiffs assert that there are no other responsible causes which could have caused the fire extinguisher to fall from the pole.

16. Plaintiffs allege that defendant Toys R Us's negligence is within the scope of defendant Toys R Us's duty to the plaintiff Audrey Ziadat.

17. Defendant Toys R Us knew or by the exercise of reasonable care should have discovered the condition described above and should have realized that it involved an unreasonable risk of harm to plaintiff Audrey Ziadat, a business invitee of the store.

18. Defendant Toys R Us failed to exercise reasonable care to protect plaintiff Audrey Ziadat against the danger of the fire extinguisher falling from the pole.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Audrey Ziadat demands judgment against defendant Toys R Us for a sum in excess of \$50,000 plus interest and cost.

**COUNT III**  
**PLAINTIFF BRIAN ANDRIS v DEFENDANT TOYS R US**

19. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 18 of their complaint as if fully set forth herein at length.

20. At all times material to this cause of action, plaintiff Brian Andris was the husband of plaintiff Audrey Ziadat.

21. As a direct result of defendant Toys R Us's negligence and carelessness, plaintiff Brian Andris has suffered the loss of society, comfort, companionship, services and consortium of his wife, plaintiff Audrey Ziadat, all to his great detriment and loss.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Brian Andris demands judgment against defendant Toys R Us for a sum in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) plus interest and costs..

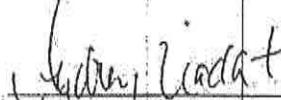
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**VERIFICATION**

AUDREY ZIADAT and BRIAN ANDRIS , hereby state that they are the Plaintiffs in this cause of action and verifies that the statements made in the foregoing **COMPLAINT IN CIVIL ACTION** are true and correct to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.

The undersigned understand that the statements contained therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

  
AUDREY ZIADAT

DATE: 5-26-14

  
BRIAN ANDRIS

DATE: 5-26-14

**EXHIBIT 'B'**

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June 10, 2014

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Re: My Client: Audrey Ziadat  
Your Claim No.: 831412005671  
D/O/A: June 17, 2012

Dear Frank:

Please allow this letter to serve as a follow up to our telephone conversation dated June 9, 2014 wherein you advised me that you have been retained to represent Toys R Us with respect to the above matter. It will be a pleasure working with you on this case. As we discussed, enclosed please find a copy of the following medical records relating to treatment rendered to Audrey Ziadat as a result of this accident:

1. Christiana Hospital;
2. Delaware Orthopedic Specialist/Paul C. Kupcha, M.D.;
3. The Health Center at Christiana – Elizabeth A. Jackovic, D.O.;
4. Christiana Care Neurology Specialist/Alison Potter, D.O.;
5. Christiana Cosmetic Surgery Consultants/Katheryn Warren, M.D.

Upon a review of the records, you will find that my client suffered a significant laceration to her right foot as a result of the fire extinguisher falling off the pole. The wound was sutured and she was discharged on crutches and was prescribed several medications for pain and infection. The sutures were removed on July 6, 2012. She was required to wear a boot and was non-weight bearing through August 2012. By September 2012, she was still having problems with her right foot. She had hypersensitivity of the scar and thickening of the scar. At that time, the doctor thought she had a possible superficial sensory nerve injury.

Because the scar continues to be extremely hypersensitive to the point where she could not bear to have anything touch the scar, she sought treatment with Dr. Warren, a cosmetic surgeon and was told that the scar cannot be improved by surgical means. On August 22, 2013, she was treated by neurologist Alison Potter. At that time, she was still complaining of right foot

numbness and pain. It was Dr. Potter's opinion that she suffered a residual nerve injury from the event which was affecting her superficial peroneal and recommended additional nerve pain medication.

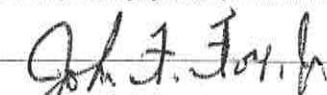
It is now two years since the accident and my client is still experiencing significant hypersensitivity in the wound area. The scar is still very sensitive to the touch and she cannot wear any flat shoes and/or heels that cut below the ankle in that the scar is located in the same area. If her scar is touched, it is very painful and numb at the same time. Because of the scar's sensitivity, she has difficulty sleeping because the sheets on her bed touch the scar and she is constantly aware of that sensation.

As I stated previously, she is constantly guarding the scar so that she can avoid the pain. Lastly, you and I discussed my client making a demand so that you can make a decision with respect to removal. I have discussed this issue with my clients who are both attorneys and they have authorized me to make a demand in the amount of \$150,000. They have decided not to cap the damages at \$75,000 to keep the case in Philadelphia County.

Please take a look at the medicals. If you would like to depose my clients for further evaluation so that you can report to your client, please let me know and I will make my clients available for a deposition right away.

I look forward to working with you on this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
JOHN F. FOX, JR.

JFF/am

Enclosures

**EXHIBIT 'C'**



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**Filing Date:** Wednesday, May 28th, 2014  
**Court:** MAJOR JURY-EXPEDITED  
**Location:** City Hall  
**Jury:** JURY  
**Case Type:** PERSONAL INJURY - OTHER  
**Status:** WAITING TO LIST CASE MGMT CONF

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No case events were found.

### Case motions

No case motions were found.

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	19350			
3	1		PLAINTIFF	ANDRIS, BRIAN
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4	6		DEFENDANT	TOYS R US
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28-MAY-2014 01:46 PM	COMMENCEMENT OF CIVIL ACTION	FOX JR., JOHN F		28-MAY-2014 04:39 PM
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10-JUN-2014 11:23 AM	ENTRY OF APPEARANCE FILED	BLATCHER, FRANCIS S		10-JUN-2014 01:40 PM
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